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## FRENCH CABINET RESIGNS. PROTEST AGAINST SENATE DECISION.

COMMUNIST TRIAL SQUABBLE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

PARIS, May 24.

M. Poincaré and the Cabinet have resigned in

consequence of the Senate's decision

that it is not

competent to try

Marcel Cachin and the other French

Communists arrested in the Ruhr at the

time of the French

occupation.

M. Millerand, the

President, has de-

clined to accept the

resignation.

"[Marcel Cachin,

Communist member

of the Chamber of

Deputies, was ar-

rested on January

19 after his Par-

liamentary privilege

had been annulled.

Early this month he

was provisionally

released with ten other arrested Communists.]

BEHIND CLOSED DOORS.

LATER.

The Senate, giving its decision, in the case of

Deputy Cachin and thirty-two other Communists,

which resulted in the Ministerial crisis, was sitting

as a High Court.

The accused were charged with revolutionary

activities at the time of the French occupation of

the Ruhr in January. The German Deputy Hollein

was also accused in respect of speeches delivered

in Paris in March.

After the public prosecutor had read the in-

dictment, the Court (presided over by

M. Doumergue) discussed the matter behind closed

doors for three and a half hours, after which it de-

clared by a majority of thirty votes that it was

incompetent to try the cases.

M. Poincaré thereupon called the Cabinet

Council and decided to go to the Elysee and resign

on the ground that the Senate's vote indicated

non-confidence in the Cabinet, but M. Millerand

refused to accept his resignation.

HOW THE CRISIS AROSE.

PARIS, May 25.

Ministerial crisis was preceded by a rather

colourless debate in the Chamber of Deputies on

the subject of the Ruhr, in which M. Poincaré

affirmed his resolve not to consent to the German

desire for a three years' moratorium. He referred

to the satisfactory increasing supplies of coal and

and coke from the Ruhr and said that France could

afford to await the first move by Germany. France

would not admit any modification of the 1921

scheme of payments.

## CABINET RESHUFFLE.

PRINCIPAL MINISTERS REMAIN.

OUTCASTS STILL OUTCASTS.

LONDON, May 24.

It is learned that all the principal present

ministers have accepted office in the new Cabinet,

including the Duke of Devonshire, Lord Derby,

Viscount Cave, Sir Montagu Barlow, Sir Samuel

Hoare, Mr. W. Bridgeman, and Mr. L. C. M. S.

Amery.

It is understood that further pressure will be

brought to bear on Sir Robert Horne to accept the

Exchequer.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain has hitherto not been

offered any appointment. Lord Robert Cecil has

accepted office.

[The Duke of Devonshire is Secretary for the

Colonies; Lord Derby, Minister of War; Viscount

Cave, Lord High Chancellor; Sir Montagu Barlow,

Minister of Labour; Sir Samuel Hoare, Minister of

Air; Mr. W. Bridgeman, Home Secretary; and Mr.

Amery, First Lord of the Admiralty. Mr. Austen

Chamberlain was Leader of the House of Commons

under Mr. Lloyd George, and Sir Robert Horne

Chancellor of the Exchequer. Lord Robert Cecil is

the ardent League of Nations champion.]

## EMPIRE DAY.

HOME CENOTAPH CEREMONY.

OVERSEAS WREATH.

LONDON, May 24.

A feature of the Empire Day celebrations was

the laying of wreaths of the loveliest flowers at the

Cenotaph on the behalf of the Dominions and the

Colonies. The ceremony took place in the presence

of a large crowd.

Some 800,000 school children in London alone

listened to their Majesties' gramophone messages.

They paraded and saluted the flag. They then had

a holiday.

## HOME CRICKET.

WEST INDIES MATCH.

LONDON, May 24.

The West Indies won by 26 runs. The West

Indian player Challenger, in the first innings made

87 runs. Francis, in the second innings took six

wickets for 33 runs.

## RUPTURE UNLIKELY.

RUSSIAN SITUATION BRIGHTER.

SOVIET'S CONCILIATORY NOTE.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

LONDON, May 24.

Reuter learns that the general Anglo-Russian

situation is considered much brighter and that the

prospects of a rupture are now believed to be re-

mote.

LATER.

While official comment on the Russian Note is

impossible owing to the fact that the Cabinet, to

which Lord Curzon is understood to have told Mr.

Krassin he must submit it, has not yet been properly

constituted.

Well-informed circles consider the Note

unusually conciliatory. Superficially it appears

very satisfactory, but closer examination does not

seem to give real satisfaction to the British demands.

## OUR AMBASSADOR ILL.

SEVERE EYE TROUBLE.

WASHINGTON, May 24.



Sir Auckland Geddes,

the British Ambassador,

is confined in a dark

room under medical

orders. He is suffering

from severe eye trouble.

WASHINGTON, May 24.

The oculist says that

Sir Auckland Geddes

will be laid up for several

weeks.

## KRUPPS FEEL THE PINCH.

FORMER MANAGER WANTED AGAIN.

BERLIN, May 24.

The Krupp directorate has requested the

Government to release Herr Wiedfeldt, the

Ambassador to the United States as a diplomat to

enable his resumption of his former post of general

manager of Krupp in consequence of the difficulties

caused by the recent arrests and sentences of Krupp

directors in the Ruhr.

[Herr Krupp von Bohlen, head of Krupp, was

sentenced to fifteen years' imprisonment, and three

other Krupp directors were given heavy terms in

connection with the disturbances of March 30.]

## PARIS MAY DAY RIOT.

JAPANESE SENTENCED.

PARIS, May 24.

The Criminal Court has passed sentence of

three months' imprisonment and subsequent de-

portation on a Japanese journalist named

Sakaj Hayashi for assaulting the police and using a

false passport.

The man was arrested on May 1 following a

Communist meeting at Saint Touen.

## LEAGUE OPIUM WORK.

SIAMESE PRINCE'S PART.

GENEVA, May 24.

The Opium Commission of the League elected

M. Leon Bourgeois (France) President, and Prince

Charoom (Siam) Vice-President.

It was decided to invite the United States

delegation to participate in the Commission's work.

## EGYPT GOING DRIER?

WOMEN'S PETITION.

CAIRO, May 24.

It is reported that the American Minister has

handed the premier a petition signed by 6,000

Egyptian women urging the introduction of the

prohibition and that the Premier has promised to

submit the matter to Parliament.

## SOUTH AFRICAN CRICKETERS.

AUSTRALIAN TOUR IMPOSSIBLE.

CAPETOWN, May 24.

The South African Cricket Association has

regretfully declined the invitation of the South

African team to visit Australia prior to its English

tour on the ground that the trip is impracticable.

## EGYPTIAN PLAGUE SCARE.

OUTBREAK UNDER CONTROL.

CAIRO, May 24.

The plague outbreak is well under control. The

average is only nine cases registered daily since

May 13.

## LATEST FLYING WONDER.

HELICOPTER ACHIEVEMENT.

PARIS, May 24.

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minutes.

(Other item cables will be found on Page 2.)



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May 25.—World Theatre:  
Pauline Frederick in "The  
Mistress of Shenstone."  
May 25.—Star Theatre: Mildred  
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Hongkong Jockey Club, Race  
Course, 3.30 p.m.**PUBLIC AUCTIONS.**May 25.—Lammert Bros., a valuable  
collection of postage stamps at  
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Rooms, 5.15 p.m.**COMPANY MEETINGS.**May 30.—Hongkong Hide and  
Leather Co., Ltd., extraordinary  
general meeting at the Company's  
Office, 67-69 Des Voeux Road  
Central, at noon.May 31.—Twenty-fifth ordinary  
annual meeting of the "Star" Ferry  
Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine,  
Matheson & Co.'s offices, at noon.**THE WATER SUPPLY.**Level and Storage of water in reservoirs  
on the 1st May 1923.

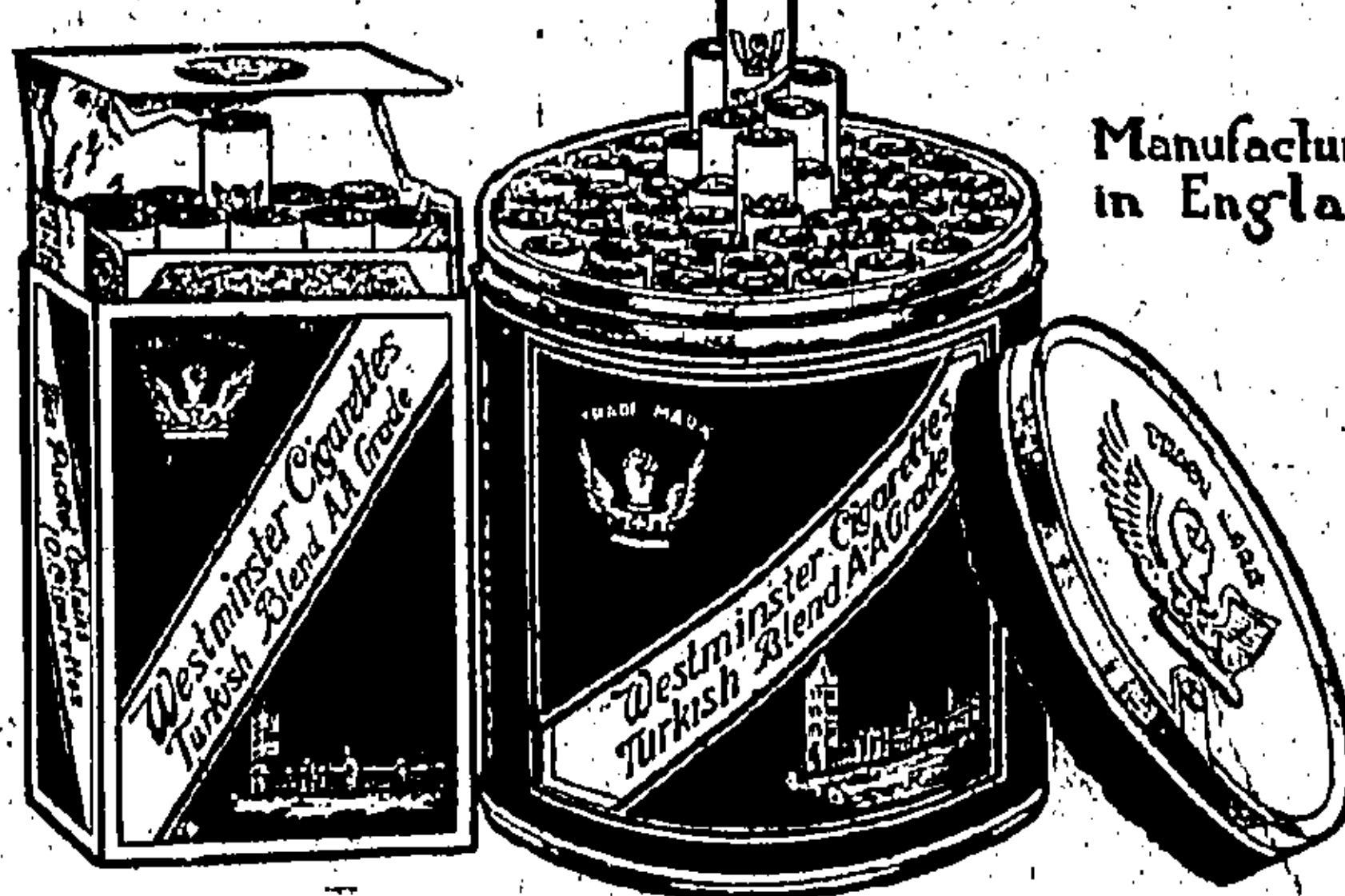
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brickyard and ultimately became a  
sharebroker and controlling head of  
20 spinning mills, left £658,189.  
He made no will but letters of ad-  
ministration have been granted to  
the widow. Walter Smith, maker  
of Christmas crackers, left £146,000;  
Theodore Crombie, woollen mer-  
chant, Aberdeen, £155,000. Sir  
Frederick Graham, of the Colonial  
Office, £17,000; Sir Charles Loch,  
Secretary, Charity Organization,  
£10,000, and the Hon. Mr. Arthur  
Elliott, of the Edinburgh Review,  
£8,000.**Mr. Wilson's Advice To America.**Ex-President Wilson, in a letter  
published as an exclusive dispatch to  
the Philadelphia Public Ledger,  
urges the unconditional adhesion  
of the United States to the  
International Court of Justice.  
Opposing President Harding's  
proposal of conditional adhesion,  
Mr. Wilson writes: "Let me say  
that I approve not the conditional,  
but the unconditional, adhesion of  
the United States to the Interna-  
tional Court set up under the  
auspices of the League of Nations,  
though I think it would be more  
consistent with the fame of the  
United States for candour and  
courage to become a member of  
the League of Nations, and share  
with other members the full re-  
sponsibilities its Covenant in-  
volves."**Pompeian Finds.**The *Gazzetta d'Italia* states that  
the Government has ordered all  
the excavations of Pompeii to be  
opened to the public, and an-  
nounces that the opening will take  
place shortly. "The newspaper re-  
produces an article by Professor  
Spinazzola, Director of Excavations,  
stating that five hundred yards of  
the Roman road from the Forum  
of Pompeii to the amphitheatre  
have been cleared of ashes. Ten  
more houses on the road have  
been cleared, and the interiors  
were found intact with mural paint-  
ings, which throw much light on  
the period. "One of the most in-  
teresting of the discoveries made  
by the excavators is a jeweller's  
shop, with the jeweller's tools and  
precious stones."**Just A Glimpse.**"The American astronomer at  
Lowell and Harvard calculate that  
the universe is more than ten times  
as large as scientists have hitherto  
believed," says the *Inquirer*. "Some  
figures may, or may not, help to  
ward a conception of how large it  
is. Light travels, as ordinarily be-  
lieved, at a rate of nearly 200,000  
miles in a second. The distance  
that light travels in a year (a "light  
year") is over six million  
million miles. Formerly astron-  
omers held that 40,000 light years was  
the measure of the diameter of the  
universe; these latest calculations  
set it at 350,000 to 400,000 lightyears. Kant would be even more  
amazed at the 'starry heavens  
above' if he had these dimensions  
to contemplate. Meanwhile, that  
other object of his astonishment,  
the 'moral law within,' is as mys-  
terious as ever."**Out of the Way!**Westminster Abbey no doubt  
stands upon what would be an  
extremely valuable site, and St.  
Paul's is obviously causing a great  
congestion of traffic. Whitgift Ho-  
spital is a poor relation of such  
majestic and popular landmarks,  
but it is as fully entitled to the  
protection of every Englishman  
who cares for his heritage. Thus  
writes Mr. John Drinkwater, the  
poet and dramatist, in a preface to  
a brochure just issued on the case  
for the preservation of Whitgift  
Hospital at Croydon. "It is not  
much use," he says, "arguing with  
the people who think that it is only  
a plain little old building that  
might just as well be out of the  
way; it is for those who have the  
power to do so to see that such  
opinion is kept to itself, and is not  
allowed to destroy the beauty that  
is ours from wise and loving hands  
of old."**Bruges set an Example.**"They had in York, as a trust,  
a singularly beautiful city, and there  
was another singularly beautiful  
city in Bruges, where if any one  
wanted to add to his house or re-  
build it the municipality might  
make a grant out of the public  
funds on condition that his plans  
satisfied them he was carrying on  
the tradition of the city. Why not  
York?" asked the Dean of York in  
a recent speech in his city. It was  
a detestable heresy and utterly un-  
true to say that if you have a pic-  
ture palace it must be loud and  
vulgar and spoil the whole neigh-  
bourhood. It was an equally detest-  
able heresy to think that a restau-  
rant must be modelled on those of  
the newer parts of London. Why  
could not something be done in  
York analogous to what was done  
in Bruges? He appealed to the  
people, who owned or occupied the  
beautiful old houses of the city to  
regard themselves as trustees for  
future generations."**The Strad Challenged.**The 200-years-old ascendancy of  
the Stradivarius violin has been  
challenged by a modern English-  
made violin. A test held at Aeolian  
Hall in London recently, at the  
adjudication in the Cobbett com-  
petition for English-made stringed  
instruments, may not have been  
decisive, but it was extraordinarily  
curious. Mr. Albert Sammons  
played (behind a screen) on a  
"Strad" and a violin just made by  
Mr. Alfred Vincent, and the audi-  
ence voted for the latter as giving  
the better tone. There was a comic  
show of chagrin when the majority  
realized that they had "downed"  
the Stradivarius and the minority  
(a considerable minority) were duly  
proud of themselves. This result  
will not be the means of causing  
"Strads" to be sold at six a penny,  
but it ought to have a quickening  
effect on the native craft of violin  
making. There is no doubt that  
new English-made violins are asgood as any nowadays made any-  
where. Mr. Alfred Vincent, the  
first prize winner, was warmly con-  
gratulated.**"Spirit" Hauntings.**The phenomena of hauntings  
and poltergeists represent a very  
large region of mainly unexplored  
territory (according to *Truth*). We  
freely admit that some cases of  
hauntings are explainable by the  
psychometrical sense, that is to say  
the locality "haunted" has received  
in some mysterious way a picture  
or register of a tragedy which  
once occurred there, and that  
psychically sensitive people visit-  
ing the spot may get a strong  
mental impression of the tragic  
event, whatever it might have been.  
But it would be absurd to attribute  
all hauntings to this source, for  
we know by experience that in  
some cases there is an actual  
haunting by a spirit who in certain  
circumstances makes his presence  
very clearly apparent. It has  
seemed to us that rapport with the  
spirit is occasionally obtained from  
contact with the impression left, so  
that it may be sometimes just a  
reproduction of the occurrence as  
impressed on the ether, and at  
other times contact with the spirit  
who was actually concerned.  
These matters, however, are being  
studied by many able psychologi-  
sts, and no doubt we shall in time  
be able to arrive at the origin of  
the phenomena more clearly than  
at present.**Tanks to Replace Horses.**Messrs. Vickers, the armament  
firm, of Sheffield, have secured the  
contract for the building of 20  
tanks, which, according to the War  
Minister, are to replace horses in  
the transport of artillery. Since  
the end of the war the armament  
departments of Vickers have been  
more or less closed down, and the  
majority of the experienced hands  
as well as hundreds of labourers  
have been idle. The tanks are to  
cost £120,000. This is regarded as  
the best news industrial Sheffield  
has received since the Armistice.  
How this order will affect the very  
heavy unemployment figures the  
officials are at present unable to  
say, but all agree that it will pro-  
vide work for many hands for some  
considerable time. The new war  
tractor is stated to be a formidable-  
looking machine, and when the  
trial "weapon" was complete and  
made its first run it naturally  
created considerable interest. The  
tank is about 35ft. long; it has the  
power of an ordinary tractor, is  
mounted with a turret, and al-  
together appears to be a very effi-  
cient fighting machine. It is con-  
structed so that it can take into  
action big field guns with the great-  
est ease, and it is estimated that it  
will be able to do 1000 miles with-  
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### BIRTH.

**ROXBURGH.**—On May 20, 1923,  
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### DEATHS.

**RIVERO.**—On May 20, 1923, at  
Shanghai, Elias Thomas  
Rivero, in his 60th year, late  
of H.B.M. Consulate Shipping  
Office.

**QUINCEY.**—On May 21, 1923, at  
Shanghai, Catherine, beloved  
wife of William Quincey, aged  
68.

## The China Mail.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MAY 25, 1923.

### TRANSPORT PROBLEMS.

Transport facilities play a very vital part in the development of every large centre. Adequate they mean healthy, open streets, with dwelling houses pleasantly distant from the city's hub; inadequate they mean cramped, swarming buildings—tenements huddled together and "lung" spaces very rare, if not altogether absent. Hongkong has not shared the fate of the more luckless examples which abound elsewhere, but it has not, again, had that good start which pioneer foresight should have ensured. Congested areas and high land values alike prove this only too well. Hitherto the Colony, as we have said before, has only received the facilities each year's needs have made essential and sometimes barely that. However, times have now changed. Not only are existing services being improved—Peak tram congestion has been somewhat relieved and additional "rush hour" ferries have been provided—but new facilities are also being considered and in some instances actually provided. And here it is that the harbour scheme report has special interest. Many people have long flirted with the idea of a tunnel or a bridge to link the island with the mainland. Both plans had obvious drawbacks, but popular fancy dies hard. Little doubt was felt, however, that our rulers

favoured neither bridge nor tunnel when the Colonial Secretary stated last month that the Government was going ahead with a scheme for much bigger ferries and that, since a bridge would be free for all, these ferries would possibly become free later. Observing that many people would doubtless deplore this decision, we yet claimed that the Colony would have little cause for complaint if it received instead ferry facilities comparing with the best Home services, which handle thousands hourly, cheaply and efficiently. Our guess that the Government in making this decision must have given due regard to the Fitzmaurice harbour scheme has now been borne out by the report itself. After studying the problem, particularly from the vehicular traffic standpoint, the experts found that the only feasible method which would not entail heavy costs was the ferry boat—able, like those which other big ports boast, to carry very large numbers of both horse and mechanical vehicles. The Woolwich services which the experts cited takes the place of a road, and this example our Government has seemingly decided to emulate, for the Hon. Mr. Fletcher recently stated that the ferries the Government intended purchasing would each accommodate between six and eight motor cars. That the Government should have thus quickly accepted the report's advice "is distinctly encouraging, because transport facilities, especially across the harbour, are, as we have said above, a very vital factor in the Colony's progress, and the public, not less than the experts, will agree that the present traffic more than warrants the provision by the Government of a good vehicular and passenger ferry service; it may be one imperious.

### Consulates in Russia.

On February 21, the different Consulates in Russia were told that unless they obtained exequaturs from the Soviet Government by May 20, they would be ordered to close. In consequence, England, France and the United States

decided to close their consulates at Vladivostok as it was impossible to obtain exequaturs in time. Japan, however, proposed the exchange of Trade Commissioners in the place of Consuls. According to a Tokyo message no reply had been received from the Soviet up to May 9. In view of the Bank of Chosen being established at Vladivostok and for other reasons not specified, the Mikado's Government has decided to keep the Consulate open, despite the attack of February 21, in the hopes that a satisfactory reply will eventually arrive from Moscow. The British Consul closed his office at Vladivostok on May 8 and sailed for Japan on May 10 on board the "Hozan Maru."

In the meantime, the Soviet envoy, Mr. Joffe, is still in Japan and in a press interview is quoted as saying that he had nothing to communicate to the Japanese people through the Japanese press, except that he wished to convey his deep sense of gratitude to them.

As to the nature of the Moscow message received on May 6, the dispatch said that an agreement of a certain kind existed between the Vladivostok authorities and the Japanese fisheries, but no decision had been reached on four points. Mr. Joffe could not tell the exact nature of the existing agreement, but the four points referred to were: 1.—The Vladivostok authorities are desirous that the visit of a Japanese passport be obtained in a Russian port; 2.—The Japanese fishermen desire to be exempted from the Russian fishing tax; 3.—The Japanese fishermen request to be exempted from customs duties on fishing goods; and 4.—The Japanese request that their fishermen be granted the privileges to engage in fishing without obtaining the visit of their passports.

The point which Viscount Goto submitted to Mr. Joffe in the name of the Japanese Government, was with regard to the position taken by the Vladivostok authorities on the visit question, and he said nothing on the other points. Russia was fully living up to the agreement which had been concluded, and it was regrettable that rumour had gone abroad charging the Vladivostok authorities with going back on it.

It would thus appear that relations between Moscow and the Powers are more strained than ever.

### LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The official rate of the dollar for payments in sterling by the China Command during the month of June is 2/4.

The total output of the Kailan Mining Administration's mines for the week ending May 12, 1923, amounted to 95,218 tons and the sales during the period to 90,453 tons.

H.M.S. "Hawkins," with Admiral Sir A. C. Leveson, K.C.B., on board, arrived in Shanghai on the 20th, and H.M.S. "Hollyhook" was due on the following day from a cruise.

In Hongkong at present is Wong Tong, who is one of Sun Yat-sen's right hand men. He has previously occupied several positions of importance and is now chief accountant at headquarters. Recently he was detained by the uncle of Lau Tsun-wan, the pro-Sun Kwangsi general, but he was quickly released as it was found that the procedure was irregular.

At the Sik Sik gardens, Kowloon City, a dedication to the dead ceremony is now going on and will last till June 1. It is known as the *Man Yuen* meaning, literally, the ten thousand spirits ceremony. The chantings and performances gone through by monks and nuns usually associated with ceremonies of this kind are all in evidence.

Dishonesty in that he stole two letters and \$10 from another letter was alleged against a Chinese postman before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Magistracy this morning. Mr. S. B. C. Ross, Postmaster-General, prosecuted and Mr. R. E. A. Webster legally represented defendant. Detective Sub-Inspector Pincott, who had charge of the case, asked for a formal remand and this was granted till May 30.

### SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

There was a very large attendance of the staff of the Chartered Bank, Kuala Lumpur, Klang and Seremban at the Masonic Lodge to bid farewell to their much esteemed and respected chief, Mr. J. Argyle Robertson, who was presented with a large silver cigar case, suitably inscribed.

The Chinese Government has conferred the Order of the "Tashou" upon Mr. O. M. Green, editor of the *N. C. Daily News*, and the Order of the "Wenpu" upon Mr. R. W. Davis, general manager and Mr. R. Wood, assistant editor of the same paper.

## UNION INSURANCE ANNUAL SHAREHOLDERS MEETING.

### A TIME OF TRIAL.

Good headway despite troublous times was reported to the shareholders of the Union Insurance Society of Canton Limited at the fiftieth ordinary yearly meeting held at noon to-day. The Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr presided and there were also present the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Messrs. A. O. Lang, G. T. Edkins and D. O. Russell (Directors), Paul (acting general manager) and the following shareholders:—Messrs. D. H. Cameron, G. S. Archbutt, H. Glenville, J. W. Alabaster, E. A. Lees, R. J. Wilton, A. G. Stephen, G. G. Franklin, W. R. Mansfield, V. R. Ribeiro, Chau Yue-teng, Lo Cheung-shu, B. M. C. da Cunha, V. L. dos Remedios, M. A. R. Souza, W. P. Gardner, Ho Leung, W. E. L. Shenton, Leung Yan-po, A. A. M. da Silva, F. R. J. Adams, J. M. Alves, J. Arnold, Ho Ki, A. S. Ellis, T. G. Weall, C. Champkin, Chow Ngan-ting, H. Hancock, H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Chau Siu-ki, F. W. Stapleton, A. H. Cobb, W. J. Carroll, J. R. Kinghorn, A. R. Lowe, G. Grimble, C. A. Peel, W. J. G. Whitley, Lo Man-hin and P. M. Hodgson.

### CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

The business of insurance, and particularly marine insurance, during the past 18 months has been conducted during times of great difficulty and changing conditions. The number of insurance companies which commenced business in recent years with high hopes of success and which have since passed out of existence or have ceased to transact marine business, testifies to the difficulty of the times. These failures have been caused largely by indiscriminate rate cutting with a view to obtaining a footing in the marine market, and to the fact that the trade conditions of the world have so quickly altered, high values falling to low values, and great trade activity passing to great trade depression. The Society in common with all Companies transacting Marine and Fire business has had to face a restricted market, which has involved a certain decrease in its premium income, but I think you will agree that notwithstanding the many difficulties with which we have been faced, our figures reflect the fact that we have maintained our position in the insurance markets of the world.

Gentlemen, the report and accounts were issued on the 11th May, which will have given you ample time to study our figures, and I propose, therefore, to follow the usual procedure, and take them as well as the Auditor's Report as read.

The Working Account for the year 1921, after allowing for a bonus to contributors and an interim dividend of 24s. per share, shows that the balance available for distribution is £400,593.1.11, and your Directors recommend that this balance be allocated as follows:—

A Final Dividend of 16s. per share on 111,000 shares ... £88,800

To carry forward to Underwriting Suspense Account for the year 1921. £311,793.1.11

The balance of the Working Account for the year 1922 stands at £620,586. 3. 1, and out of this balance your Directors recommend the payment of an interim dividend of 24s. per share absorbing £133,200 and a bonus of 20% to Contributors of business on bonus terms.

During the years preceding the trade depression already referred to your Directors were anxious that you should participate in the full in the profits that were being made and they inaugurated a bonus dividend.

My predecessors in the Chair for the past three years have struck a note of warning forecasting that this bonus dividend might be discontinued if trade did not much improve, and after much consideration we have decided that notwithstanding the satisfactory figures before you the most prudent course is to discontinue the payment of a bonus dividend this year. The usual dividend of the Society remains unaltered and your Directors feel that under ordinary circumstances the payment now being made can be well maintained in future years, and increased as the trade conditions of the world adjust themselves.

With reference to the figures in the report I would explain that the Society's investments are taken at the market value as at the December 31 last, and where any doubt has existed, as to the intrinsic value of any of our investments, they have been written down to a conservative figure. Interest received shows a decrease but the question of exchange affects us here, and as regards our balance sheet totals I would remind you that the Silver Dollar was worth 2/7 on the 31st December 1921, as against 2/3 3/4 on the 31st December 1922; also that the cross rate for American Gold Dollars was 4/2 1/4 on the 31st December 1921, as

against 4/6 7/8 on the 31st December 1922. There is no method that can place us outside the position of being affected by Exchange but I think it is reasonable to conclude that we are reaching a more normal period in this respect.

Our Loss ratios must be considered satisfactory if you recollect the difficult times through which we have passed.

I much regret that the unsettled conditions in China still continue seriously hampering trade, and whilst the country is passing through a transition period of great trial, I feel that a bright future for it is certain, as its great resources, enterprise, and the good sense of its people will surely overcome the present difficulties. Steps have been taken to strengthen our position in our home field and we do not doubt that we shall receive our fair share of new business when the trade of China in which we are all so interested revives.

Before I conclude it will no doubt interest you to learn that the Society has in course of construction in London at the corner of Finch Lane and Corhill a seven-storeyed building. This is one of the best sites in the City, in the centre of insurance activity, and when completed it will give us a commodious and permanent office in London of which we are in great need. This will enable the Society to house its various departments under one roof instead of having them separately accommodated in different buildings as we are forced to do at present. Your Directors are satisfied that this investment is a satisfactory one from all points of view.

Gentlemen, our business is world-wide and our position to-day reflects credit on the management and staff for never in the Society's history has the work required more skill and care than at the present time. Under all these circumstances I feel confident, Gentlemen, that you will heartily approve the usual Bonus of 15% which we have voted to the credit of members of the staff holding provident fund agreements.

I now beg to propose the adoption of the report and accounts, and when this has been seconded, I shall be glad to answer to the best of my ability any questions you may wish to ask.

### HON. MR. STEPHEN'S COMMENTS.

Seconding the adoption of the report and accounts the Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen said:—

We have heard with interest the Chairman's remarks and I am sure you will all agree with me that our thanks are due to the Directors, the General Manager and staff for the able way in which they have weathered the storms of the past two years. The war and post-war boom was, responsible for many of the room growths in all branches of trade and finance, and it was only natural that insurance should attract its share of new enthusiasts. It was also the natural order that when the boom had run its course, losses came which the new concerns could not face and they therefore had in many cases to go to the wall, but they were very troublesome competitors while they were in existence.

The Union originated in local enterprise and we feel justly proud of it when we see the splendid position it is in as evidenced by the excellent balance sheet now before us. Good reserves well invested make it a solid institution capable of meeting all possible contingencies in its world-wide business.

I may say that I have been privileged to see a list of the securities constituting these reserves, and I can assure you that they are such as would satisfy the most fastidious in such matters.

As the Chairman has pointed out, comparisons between the balance sheet of one year with that of another are difficult owing to the factor of the exchanges. There is no method of avoiding that factor, but we are all much comforted by the Chairman's assurance that it is reasonably likely we are reaching a more normal period in respect of exchange.

It was to be expected that the figures of the balance sheet should show some reduction on those of the previous year. The reports of insurance companies, especially Marine, are bound to reflect faithfully the conditions of business—the fall in prices of commodities and the world-wide depreciation in trade during the last two years are bound to be so reflected in our balance sheet.

No doubt some of you regret the absence of a bonus, but, gentlemen, we were simply warned that it was of a temporary nature dependent on an improvement in trade, so I think you will agree with me that the Directors used a wise discretion in adopting the prudent course of discontinuing it this year. It is a pleasure however to feel that the handsome ordinary dividend of the Society can be maintained.

With a return to sound and normal trade which we all look forward to, we may even see a steady increase in the distribution but "safety first" should be our motto. I am sure the bonus of 15 per cent. to the Provident Funds of the Staff has the hearty approval of the share-

## HARBOUR SCHEME.

### GOVERNMENT AND THE REPORT.

#### COLONIAL SECRETARY INTERVIEWED.

In connection with the Hongkong Harbour Improvements Report made by Messrs. Coode, Fitzmaurice, Wilson and Mitchell on November 24, 1922, a *China Mail* reporter called upon the Colonial Secretary this morning.

Our representative asked Mr. Fletcher whether, as the report had advised, the staff of the Public Works Department had been increased by the addition of one senior man, "accustomed to keeping records of soundings, current observations and the other different matters which form the history of a harbour, and a junior man who would assist him and be an understudy."

Mr. Fletcher replied that Mr. Duncan was now at Home to consult the Colonial Office Engineers and to engage these men.

With regard to the purchase of two self-recording tide gauges, it is stated that Mr. Duncan has received instructions to purchase them, after taking expert advice as to the best gauges for use here.

The Colonial Secretary informed the *China Mail* representative that the whole report had been referred to the British Chamber of Commerce and the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce.

In view of this, the two leading British shipping representatives, called upon and asked for their views, refused to discuss the matter until the report had been thrashed out by the Chambers.

holders. With our far-flung commitments we are more than ever dependent on their vigilant activities everywhere. In this connection I am sure we all wish that our General Manager, who has done so much for the Company, will soon be restored to complete health.

I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report and accounts.—(Applause.)

On the motion of Mr. C. Champkin seconded by Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak and Mr. G. M. Dodwell were unanimously re-elected Directors of the Company and on the motion of Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews and Mr. C. Bernard Brown were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$2,000 each.

### CHINA FIRE MEETING.

Directly after the Union Insurance meeting the fifty-fourth annual meeting of the China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., was held. The Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr presided and there were present the Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak and Messrs. A. O. Lang and D. O. Russell—(Directors). Paul (acting general manager) and the following shareholders: Messrs. G. S. Archbutt, G. G. Franklin, W. R. Mansfield, da Cunha, E. A. Lees, J. W. Alabaster, V. L. dos Remedios, V. R. Ribeiro, M. A. R. Souza, A. A. Alves, W. F. Gardner and P. M. Hodgson.

The Chairman said: Gentlemen:—The report has been in your hands for some time and subject to your approval I will follow the usual procedure and take it, as well as the Auditor's Report, as read.

The working account for 1921 shows a balance of \$919,894.94 to be dealt with. Your Directors recommend that this balance be appropriated as follows:—

Dividend of \$7.00 and bonus of \$3.00 per share on 20,000 shares ... \$ 200,000.00

To transfer to Building Reserve Fund 100,000.00

To carry forward to Underwriting Suspense Account 619,894.94

Turning to the balance sheet you will notice that sterling exchange this year is 2/3 3/4 as against 2/7 last which has the effect of increasing the dollar equivalent of the Company's sterling securities.

The balance at credit of the 1922 Working Account is \$1,328,926.07. Notwithstanding the satisfactory figures before you your Directors have decided, in view of the uncertainty of the times, through which we are passing, not to make any increase in the dividend distribution and I have no doubt this policy will commend itself to you.

I now move that the Directors' report and statement of accounts as presented be adopted, and after this has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer any questions that may be put.

Mr. G. S. Archbutt seconded and the Chairman's resolution was carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr. J. W. Alabaster seconded by Mr. A. A. Alves, the Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr, and Mr. G. M. Dodwell were re-elected Directors and on the motion of Mr. da Cunha seconded by Mr. V. R. Ribeiro, Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and C. Bernard Brown were re-elected auditors.

## LAND COMPANIES.

### AMALGAMATION SCHEME.

#### FURTHER STEPS TAKEN.

Further steps towards the proposed amalgamation of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., and the Hongkong Central Estate, Ltd., were taken at extraordinary general meetings of the two Companies held this morning.

At the meeting of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd., Mr. D. G. M. Bernard presided and there were also present: Sir Robert Ho Tung, Father Robert and Mr. A. S. Gubbay (Directors), Mr. L. S. Greenhill (Secretary), and the following shareholders: Messrs. J. M. Alves, J. T. Bagram, G. W. Barton, E. Sadick, W. E. L. Shenton, J. Wilton, Lau Yik Cheuk, A. A. Guterres, Lee Ping Seen, Yui In Shing, Lau Hy Nam, and H. Percy Smith.

After the extraordinary resolutions previously carried approving the draft new memorandum and articles of association had been carried, the Chairman indicated that the meeting would now be continued for the purpose of considering and if thought fit, passing an extraordinary resolution, the resolutions (Nos. 3 and 4) set out in the notice convening the meeting. The resolution numbered 3 concerned the proposal to divide each of the existing 50,000 fully paid up shares of \$100 each, constituting the Company's present capital of \$5,000,000 into four fully paid up shares of \$25 each so as to make such capital \$5,000,000 consisting of 200,000 fully paid up shares of \$25 each.

As they were aware, the Company's shares were at the present time quoted on the market at about \$80 each, and the effect of the resolution, if passed, would naturally be not only to reduce the nominal value of the shares in question to \$25 each, but also to reduce the market value more or less correspondingly, and thus render the shares more marketable.

The next resolution related to the proposal to increase the Company's capital from its present figure of \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000.

"As you know under the agreement we have entered into with the Hongkong Central Estate Ltd., which was duly approved by the members of this Company, at the meeting held for that purpose on May 3 last, the Chairman proceeded, every member of that Company in consideration of the assignment thereby agreed upon to this Company is to receive four shares of the nominal value of \$25 of the capital of this Company in respect of each share of \$100 held by such member in the capital of the Hongkong Central Estate Limited. All our capital has been issued and it is therefore necessary to increase the capital of this Company. The balance of the fresh capital i.e. \$4,000,000 will be issued by the Directors as and when they consider same to be necessary in the interests of the Company. Your Directors consider it advisable to have a reserve of unissued capital for any purposes that the interests of the Company may call for."

After the proposals had been passed as extraordinary resolutions, the Chairman announced that a further extraordinary general meeting for the purpose *inter alia* of confirming, if thought fit, as Special Resolutions the two Resolutions which had just been passed as Extraordinary Resolutions respecting the division of shares, and increase of Capital would be advertised to be held on Thursday, June 14, at 11.30 a.m.

### CENTRAL ESTATE MEETING.

Mr. D. G. M. Bernard also presided at the meeting of the shareholders of the Hongkong Central Estate Ltd. There were also present: Father Robert (Director), Mr. L. S. Greenhill (Secretary) and the following shareholders: Messrs. A. B. Stewart, J. T. Bagram, H. M. H. Nemaze, E. Sadick, Li Tsung-fong, Li Koon-chun, A. S. Gubbay, D. V. Stevenson, Lau Hi-nam and S. S. Perry.

When the extraordinary resolutions previously carried in connection with the winding up of the Company and the amalgamation scheme had been confirmed the Chairman made the following announcement:—

"Mr. Horace Percy Smith, the liquidator will be communicating in the usual way with the shareholders of this Company, with regard to the payment of \$60 per share in respect of each share held by the members of this Company. With regard to the allotment of shares of the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd. to members of this Company, the liquidator will be despatching the necessary application forms for members to send in to the Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Co., Ltd. with regard to the allotment to them of shares in that Company."



CORRESPONDENCE

HONOUR TO WHOM HONOUR IS DUE.

[To the Editor of the "China Mail."]

Sir—It is often considered very easy to find fault, but praise of excellence is comparatively rare. I therefore venture as an old Resident to offer my congratulations to the Executive of the War Memorial Committee for the extreme excellence and verve with which all yesterday's ceremonies were carried out.

I venture to think that there was only one point in which there was any sort of failure that being the fact that most of us were unable to hear the remarks of both Mr. Bernard and His Excellency, but I have read their speeches with great delight in this morning's paper and again venture to offer my congratulations.

Yours, etc.,  
ONE WHO GENERALLY FINDS FAULT.  
Hongkong, May 25.

CANADA'S IMPORTS.

LATEST CUSTOMS TARIFF CHANGES.

The Hongkong office of the Canadian National Railways is in receipt of the following information by cable relative to the changes in Canadian Import Customs Tariff:—  
"Customs Tariff 1907 Section 5 repealed and substituted as follows:—Importers of goods entitled to benefit British Preferential Tariff now, entitled to discount 10% on amount duty computed under Tariff when goods conveyed without trans-shipment from country enjoying benefit British Preferential Tariff to Canadian ports excepting alcoholic liquor and medicines, sugar, tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, or articles on which duty does not exceed 15%."

POPULAR CONCERT.

SUNDAY AT THE STAR.

Among our musical deficiencies in Hongkong is the lack of a good symphony orchestra. The enterprising management of Hongkong Amusements Ltd. have now, however, interested themselves in the matter and have had a combination of instrumentalists practising hard all the week in preparation for a popular concert which an advertisement in this issue announces for Sunday next at 3 p.m. at the Star Theatre, Kowloon.

WEST RIVER CLEAR.

STEAMERS REACH WUCHOW.

The owners of the Hongkong-Wuchow steamers, the s.s. "Tai Ming" and "Ko Chow" have received advice that both these ships reached Wuchow safely yesterday. They are now loading livestock and produce, and will be back in Hongkong on Tuesday next.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Mr. C. G. Mackie, of Shanghai, as well as Mr. A. O. Lang, of Hongkong, has been admitted to partnership in the firm of Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co. Both however continue to be managing directors of the firm of Gibb Livingston & Co., Ltd.

Mr. Frank Wilson Barker one time of Singapore, died in London on the 15th inst. The late Mr. Barker came to Singapore originally to Messrs. Adamson, Gillfillan and Co., remaining in the firm till about 1900. By that time he was able to start in business for himself. He retired from the East in 1909, and his name still survives in the firm of Harrison, Barker and Co.

Mr. H. K. Peters, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., has been elected Chairman of the Exports Sub-Committee of the Shanghai Chamber of Commerce. Mr. T. H. R. Shaw, of Messrs. Butterfield & Swire, has been elected Chairman of the Shipping Sub-Committee. Mr. Norman Smith of Messrs. Wm. Little & Co., has been elected Chairman of the Piece Goods Sub-Committee.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Beswick bade farewell to the Far East on the 19th inst. and sailed for Home. Mr. Beswick was what is familiarly known as Jardine's cotton man and had been in the Far East some 20 years, part of the time in Hongkong. He was a cricketer, a keen light horse man in Shanghai and a good fellow. Many friends congratulate "Charles" and Mrs. Beswick on their good fortune in being able to retire.

RUHR COMMUNIST RIOTS.

ORDER BEING RESTORED.

[Reuter's Service to the China Mail.]

LONDON, May 24.—Berlin reports put the casualties at Gelsenkirchen at ten killed and 70 wounded.

The town is now quiet. The municipal authorities have reached an agreement with the Communists under which a trade union committee assumes responsibility for maintaining order.

Youths wearing red armlets are at present policing the streets.

STRIKE SPREADS.

The strike of mines at Dortmund is reported to be spreading.

Sporadic outbreaks of violence are occurring in other districts.

Serious Communist disturbances were reported from the Ruhr, notably at Gelsenkirchen and Dortmund.

A report from Berlin stated that five were killed and 56 wounded at Gelsenkirchen, where the Communists occupied the Central Police Station.

They hoisted the red flag and raided public houses and shops.

The French authorities did not interfere. Last messages reported Gelsenkirchen still in the hands of the Communist commanders.

The citizens were terrified. The Civilian Defence Force and the Fire Brigade were driven out and there was no force available to combat the Communists.

LINCHING BANDITS.

ARE THEY QUARRELLING AMONG THEMSELVES?

TSACHUANG May 24.

The bandit representative and Major Powell had not arrived by the evening. It is believed the bandits are holding another conference and may come to-morrow.

Fairly heavy fighting was heard six miles north of Tsachuang to-night. It is assumed that either the bandits are attempting to escape to the hills at the rear of Paotzuku, or more bandits are joining Paotzuku, or the bandits have quarrelled among themselves.

A messenger to-night says the prisoners have been moved two or three miles, but letters from Paotzuku do not mention it.—Reuter.

CAPTIVES' FLIGHT.

KEPT ON MOUNTAIN PEAK.

PEKING, May 24.

Tien Chung-yu proceeded to Paotzuku by special train this afternoon in the hope of converting Tsao Kun to his policy of employment of force against the bandits.

Messages from Tsachuang indicate that all the captives are on a mountain peak, where the sanitary conditions are very bad.

The local gentry have urged the bandits to moderate their terms.

There has been no exchange of shots for several days. The troops are now five miles distant from Paotzuku.

Although a cordon of soldiers surround Paotzuku, the brigands have not the slightest difficulty in communicating with their friends.

It is estimated that the bandits number 2,000 rifles.—Courtesy Daily Bulletin.

OSAKA OLYMPIAD.

LADIES DOUBLES DECIDED.

OSAKA, May 25.

In bright sunshine the international open lawn tennis tournament, ladies doubles, was played when Miss Careaga and Miss Santos, (Philippines) beat Huang Tsui-ying and Ho Sheng-hsi (China) by 6-1 and 6-0.—Reuter.

OPIUM CHARGE.

POLICE TAKE THE SERIOUS VIEW.

Chief Preventive Officer Ward prosecuted a Chinese before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning for the unlawful possession of a revolver and twenty tablets of opium. Mr. H. C. Lee defended.

According to the prosecution the contraband was discovered in a cubicle at 216, Hollywood Road on Wednesday. Defendant is alleged to have produced the keys to the cubicle and to two boxes in which the revolver and opium were found.

C. P. O. Ward stated that he understood that the police took a serious view of the charge relating to the revolver and therefore asked for a remand which was granted.

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STREET BLOCKED.

FOOTBALL GAMINS BEFORE COURT.

POLICE CRUSADE CONTINUED.

Detective Sergeant A. Elston, who has been specially detailed to put down street nuisances such as football, shuttle-cock and kite-flying, prosecuted three Chinese boys before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Magistrate's Court this morning.

The charge being one of playing football in a street to the annoyance of an Indian pedestrian.

On previous occasions, his Worship has discharged defendants who had been playing but not annoying people.

In this case it was explicitly stated that a passer-by had been annoyed.

When the case was called only one boy was present. He admitted the offence and was fined \$3. Immediately afterwards the other two came into court and were arraigned in front of the dock.

The first of them pleaded that the ball rolled towards him and he gave it a kick to send it away from him. Second defendant denied taking part in the game.

Sergeant Elston said that at 10.30 a.m. yesterday he was at the junction to Wyndham Street and Glenelg.

All three defendants, together with another not in custody, were playing football with the ball produced in a court. (This was a small india-rubber ball slightly larger than a tennis ball.)

These two were playing at the lower end of the street and the other two, who were smaller boys, were at the upper end.

His Worship: So that levelled out the handicap.

Continuing, Sergeant Elston said that he saw each of the boys kick the ball in turn, this being repeated several times. Second defendant then kicked the ball which passed within inches of the face of an Indian child who was passing with a grown-up. The adult called out in English to the boys to stop but they took no notice.

Sergeant Elston added that the street was completely blocked.

His Worship: Street was blocked? What do you mean?

Witness explained that nobody could pass by without running the risk of getting into the way of the ball. With assistance from P.C. 339, he arrested the three defendants and at the time of arrest the ball was in the hands of the third defendant.

His Worship: Oh! That is a breach of the rules of football. Did he pick it up in a hurry as if he was trying to escape?

Sergeant Elston: No, I think he just picked it up when we called upon him to stop.

Asked if he had any questions to put, second defendant said that he had just returned from making some purchases and was standing watching the game when he was arrested.

Fines of \$3 each were imposed.

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UNION CHURCH.

NEW PULPIT AND COMMUNION TABLE.

On Sunday next, the new teak pulpit and communion table at Union Church will be dedicated. The service will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. T. W. Pearce, who will offer the dedicatory prayer.

The new pulpit and communion table are very handsome additions to the Church and thoroughly in keeping with the old Chinese carved pillars and wood work generally, which provides a pleasing atmosphere of antiquity and historical value.

Made possible through the much-appreciated activities of the ladies of the Church, who succeeded in raising the funds required by a recent successful sale of work, the new pulpit was constructed at Kowloon Dock from a design prepared by Mr. H. W. Bird.

It is a fine piece of work, equally creditable to the designer, the builders and the Church. Of polished teak, beautifully carved, it is of an entirely different style to the old. It is fitted with an adjustable desk and the staircase and floor are carpeted. Immediately in front of the pulpit and attached to it is the chair belonging to the Communion table.

The Communion table itself is a work of art. Its design and workmanship are excellent.

In addition to the new pulpit and Communion table opportunity has been taken to refurnish the vestry. The furniture—desk, chairs and

staircase—are in harmony with the general scheme. An interesting set of portraits of former ministers hang upon the walls. These include Dr. Legge, minister for 26 years, who finished his career as Professor of Chinese at Oxford; Dr. Chalmers, another noted Chinese scholar; Dr. Bondfield, who has just retired from the British and Foreign Bible Society as Superintendent in China; Rev. James Lamont; the Rev. G. N. Williams, whose name will still be remembered by many; and the Rev. C. H. Hickling, Mr. Macdonachie's predecessor.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

MR. CHARLES GORDON STEWART MACKIE has been admitted as a Partner of our Firm at Hongkong and Shanghai as from 1st April, 1923.  
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## OUR WAR MEMORIAL.

CENOTAPH UNVEILING CEREMONY.

IMPRESSIVE TRIBUTE TO EMPIRE'S DEAD.

In the presence of what was for the Colony almost a huge gathering, His Excellency the Governor yesterday afternoon unveiled the Cenotaph which the Colony has built as a memorial to the men of the Empire who fought in the Great War and fell. That, at this distance from the war, the people of Hongkong should have felt so profoundly the significance of the impressive ceremonial furnishes gratifying evidence that the memory of the sacrifice made by those to whom the monument was dedicated is still kept fresh and green and will remain so in the hearts of the present generation at least.

An exact replica of the Whitehall Cenotaph, the Colony's War Memorial stands in Statue Square on the spot opposite the Hongkong Club traditionally known as the finest site. It rests on a broad granite base approached by six steps, which leads to a dais approached by three more steps. The granite monument has no decoration beyond laurel wreaths carved in the stone, and the inscription "The Glorious Dead," with the date, 1919, in Roman figures. On either side three bronze flagstaffs project from the masonry and carry, on the central flagstaff, the Union Jack, flanked by the White and the Red Ensign. The Cenotaph is 35 feet in height, and the base measures 18ft. 6 inches by 8ft. 6 inches. Four approaches, kerbed and paved with granite, bisect the grass lawns beyond the Memorial.

Temporary stands built on four sides around the memorial accommodated yesterday's crowd which included members of the Executive and Legislative Councils, members of the War Committee, the various Consuls, Naval and Military Officers, and a representative gathering of the general public including a large number of children. In addition the verandahs and even the roofs of the Hongkong Club, the Supreme Court and other buildings overlooking the Square were thronged with people.

In the Naval Yard, an hour or so before the ceremony, mustered Guards of Honour drawn from the naval and military forces and contingents representing the E.A.S.M.A., the British Legion, the Mercantile Marine, the Police and the Volunteers. Headed by the pipers of the Bombay Grenadiers, they marched up to the Cenotaph and formed around it in a square. Small parties of French, American and Portuguese sailors and Boy Scouts joined them and at each corner of the Cenotaph's base was placed with arms reversed and head bowed a sailor, an Indian soldier, a "tommy" from the King's Regiment and a kilted representative of the Hongkong Volunteers.

The Governor, who wore a grey frock coat and tall grey hat, was accompanied by His A.D.C. (Capt. R. Neville) in the uniform of the Royal Marine Light Infantry. When H.E. entered the enclosure he was met by Commodore Grace R.N. and Colonel C.W. Divy C.M.G., D.S.O., and directly afterwards he inspected the Guards of Honour. The Governor then mounted a platform in front of the Cenotaph and was accompanied there by the Bishop of Victoria (Dr. C.R. Duppuy), the Right Rev. D. Pozzoni (Bishop of Tavia and Vicar Apostolic of Hongkong) and the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald (Minister of Union Church), all in their ecclesiastical robes, and Mr. D.G.M. Bernard (Chairman of the War Memorial Committee).

## THE SPEECHES.

The speeches were all very brief. In asking His Excellency to unveil the Cenotaph, Mr. Bernard said: "Your Excellency, the Cenotaph which you have come to unveil, is an exact replica of the one in Whitehall. It constitutes only part of our War Memorial. A Nursing Home is also being built to fill a much felt need in the Colony. It will enable people in Hongkong to receive the best treatment and attention possible. In this home, special facilities will be arranged for the men who fought in the Great War and maintained so nobly the traditions of the Nation. The Cenotaph has

been erected by the Community as a grateful tribute to those who gave their lives to uphold the honour and ideals of the British Nation. It will remain as an enduring proof of the loving remembrance in which they are held, and commemorate for all time the supreme sacrifice made by them in defence of the Empire. Sir, I now have the honour to ask you to unveil the Cenotaph."

H.E. The Governor said:—My Lord Bishop, ladies and gentlemen, We have met here today to unveil this memorial to those who gave their lives for their country in the greatest war in which the British Empire has ever taken part—a war essentially different from any of the many in which our country has been engaged before. In previous wars Great Britain was represented mainly by her professional Armies and Navies. In this war—into which we entered not from any selfish motive of aggrandisement, but for the preservation of those ideals of freedom and democracy for which the Empire stands—the whole people had to play its parts. The monument which we have placed here in the most prominent site in the Colony, where it will be seen by everybody who lands in Hongkong, commemorates, therefore, men of all classes and of every race within the Empire, and for that reason we have thought that the fittest form for it to take was a reproduction of the memorial which was erected in the heart of the Empire. There are probably few of us here who had not relatives, none who had not dear friends, among the eight hundred thousand of the Empire's dead, to whom this monument is dedicated—men of the Army, the Navy, the Air Force and the Mercantile Marine. We are here to pay to them our last tribute of affection and esteem. I feel that nothing that I could say would meet the occasion and I prefer to use the words which the greatest of ancient historians ascribes to the Athenian statesman, Pericles, in the most touching funeral oration that was ever written:

"Having offered in common the sacrifice of their lives, they have won each for himself a fame which cannot grow old, and the noblest of all sepulchres. 'I speak not of the tomb in which their bodies are laid but of that in which their glory survives for ever.'"

"For the whole earth is the sepulchre of famous men, and not only are they commemorated by memorials in their own land but even in foreign lands there remains an unwritten memorial of them graven not on stone but in the hearts of men."

To those men, whose name liveth for ever, I unveil this memorial. At this point His Excellency pulled the cord, and the huge Union Jack which had covered the memorial descended, revealing the Cenotaph in its completeness. The Bishop of Victoria (Dr. Duppuy) then said the following Dedication Prayer:

"In the faith of Jesus Christ we dedicate this Cenotaph to the sacred memory of those who gave their lives in the Great War. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen."

After a slight pause, the Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald recited the following:—  
"Christ is risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that sleep.  
"For since by man came death; by man came also the resurrection of the dead.  
"For as in Adam all die; even so in Christ shall all be made alive.  
"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
"As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen."

The Right Rev. D. Pozzoni, Bishop of Tavia and Vicar Apostolic of Hongkong, said:—While, at the sight of this Cenotaph, our memory goes forth in gratitude to the heroes who have died for their country, and we feel their great examples, let us also recall the holy and wholesome

thought of Judas the Machabean, and pray that they may find in God the everlasting reward they have deserved by their sacrifice on the battlefield. "Eternal rest give to them, O Lord: and let perpetual light shine upon them."

After His Excellency had placed a wreath on the monument, saluted and retired, ten buglers from the King's regiment took post on the steps and sounded the "Last Post" while the whole gathering stood in silence. From far away in the direction of Murray Barracks came the simulation of an echo. The "Old Reveille" and the "Rouse" were sounded next and after the National Anthem had been played His Excellency went away to unveil the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank's memorial.

The official part of the ceremony having been concluded members of the general public took advantage of the opportunity to place floral tributes at the foot of the cenotaph and as long as the light lasted there was a steady stream of visitors to the Memorial. A special police guard is to be on duty at the cenotaph until the flowers are removed.

## LIST OF WREATHS.

The wreaths and floral tributes laid on the base of the cenotaph included the following:—  
The Governor.

From the Consular Body of Hongkong to Great Britain's Honoured Dead.

"In memory of our fallen comrades from the Ex-Active Service Men's Association, 1914-1918."  
"The British Legion."

"From the Society of St. George, Hongkong—in loving remembrance of those who gave their lives in the Great War in defence of the Empire."

"From the President and members of St. Andrew's Society—in memory of those who made the supreme sacrifice. Their names live for ever more."

"From R. H. Kotewall on behalf of the Chinese community of Hongkong, with homage."

"From the Committee and members of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, in memory of those who gave their lives in the Empire's cause."

"In sacred memory of the Glorious Dead from the Parsee community—But oh, for the touch of a vanished hand and the sound of a voice that is still."

"Da Comunidade Portuguesa de Hongkong."

"From the Royal Navy."

"From 2nd Bn., King's Regiment."

"From the 2/4th Bn., K.E.O. Grenadiers."

"From the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps."

"Les Marins Français a leur camarades Anglais tués pendant la Guerre de 1914-1918."

"Aux morts de la Grande Guerre de 1914-1918: le Consul de France et le Français de Hongkong reconnaissants."

"Les anciens combattants Français a leur freres d'armes tués pendant la Guerre 1914-1918."

"Nous ne vous oublierons jamais."

"From the U.S.S. Pampana."

"From the Royal Marines Old Comrades Association, Hongkong and South China Branch—in memory."

"In memory of our fallen comrades, Hongkong Police."

"In memory of our Masonic dead who died that we might live; from the District Grand Lodge and all brethren, Hongkong, B.C."

"From the Wardens of Victoria Gaol."

"From the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation."

"From the China Coast Officers' Guild. This wreath contained the names of 30 Marine officers who were killed or drowned at sea."

"Il R. Console a nome del Regio d'Italia."

"Do Consul General de Portugal on nome de Macao Portuguesa, 24-5-1920."

"In loving remembrance of our dearest nephew, Lieut. Frank Neville Cowper, 3rd Suffolk, from P. H. and N. G. Holyoak."

"In loving memory of our dear nephew Clifford Lampling, R.A.F., from P. H. and N. G. Holyoak."

"In loving memory of Ben Chapman, from P. H. and N. G. Holyoak."

"From Messrs. Showan, Tomes & Co."

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"From Sir Robert and Lady Ho Tung."

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"The inscription contains the names of 17 men who fell in the War. The names appear under the headings of Butterfield & Swire, Taikoo Dock and the China Navigation Co."

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"In loving memory of William Howell, Stapleton, 26, August, 1918."

"In loving memory of my dear brother Sgt. Major Gordon C. Nicholls who died at the Battle of Arras, April 12th, 1918, from Capt. and Mrs. Pearson and daughter."

"To our departed brother, Frank M. Soares, from the members of the Catholic Union Club."

"From the W.O.'s S. S. Sgts., of the Garrison Sergeants' Mess."

"From Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., in loving remembrance of those who gave their lives in the defence of the Empire."

"From S. David & Co."

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"In memory of 2nd Lieut. R. J. Stevenson, 1st Hants. Regt., who died of wounds in France, May 10th, 1918, aged 23."

"To the memory of four dear brothers and all the Glorious Dead, from Mr. and Mrs. S. Deacon."

"From David Sassoon & Co., Ltd."

"From Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Bird. In loving memory of Lieut. Henry Dorn Vernon, R.M.A.S., drowned at sea, September, 1914. R.I.P."

"From Mr. and Mrs. Bird in loving memory of Squadron Commander Theophilus Chater Vernon, R.F.C., killed at the Somme, September, 1916."

"In loving remembrance of Uncle Will—William Peter Clark, D.C.M., Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry; also Cousin Harry Saffel, R.A.—Jim and Artie Clark."

"In loving memory of Edmund John Waldegrave, 2nd Lieut., R.G.A., killed in action, August 10th, 1918."

"In loving memory of Alec Macdonald; from P. H. and N. G. Holyoak."

"In memoriam of Messrs. A. G. Victor, G. Bloch, C. E. A. Hance—true sports everyone; from the Committee and members of the V.R.C."

"From the Standard Oil Company of New York."

"From all the flower men of Hongkong."

"In loving memory of P. H. Robinson; from Winnie and Basil Taworth."

"From So Seng-kee, 7-8, Wyndham Street."

"In loving memory of Ian Carmichael, R.A.F., from P. H. and N. G. Holyoak."

"In memory of my brother A. Brayfield, H.A.C., from T. H. G. Brayfield, 'Flywheel,' Taiipo."

"In memory of Ian Neil Carmichael, from T. H. G. Brayfield."

"There were several wreaths and bunches of flowers without cards."

"The Chinese flower sellers of Wyndham Street who had brought a large tribute from themselves were not present when the public laid their wreaths at the base of the Cenotaph, and the Hon. Mr. Irving, noticing this, had their tribute carried up to the dais by four Boy Scouts."

HONGKONG BANK  
MEMORIAL.

## A STRIKING TRIBUTE.

Directly the official part of the proceedings at the unveiling of the cenotaph had been concluded His Excellency the Governor went along to unveil the memorial erected by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation to the memory of the members of the Bank Staff who lost their lives in the war.

Placed on a site in Bank Gardens, facing the Praya, the memorial takes the form of a strikingly high figure of Fame standing 8ft. 6 in., and holding in her hand a wreath. In front of the figure is a smaller statue, that of a soldier with his kit and rifle. The figure of Fame stands on a pedestal of polished Peterhead granite, on the front of which is a square bronze panel with the inscription:

1914-1918.

"In memory of the men of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank whose lives were given for their Country in the Great War."  
Underneath the plate engraved in the granite are the following words:

"They shall not grow old as we that are alive grow old—Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we shall remember them."  
On each side of the pedestal there are longer panels upon which the names of the men who fell are inscribed. The whole rests upon a lower base of local granite, and eventually it will be surrounded by a niche, also in local granite, and flanked on either hand by two pillars. There are two smaller pillars on each side of the memorial and these will have grained on to them bronze lamp standards.

The Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen in asking His Excellency to unveil the statue, said:—Your Excellency, it was at the shareholders' meeting in February, 1916, when the Chairman proposed, and it was agreed to, that a monument should be erected here in memory of the Bank staff who lost their lives in the war. It was probably thought

at that meeting that the war was nearly complete, but we had to wait, also for nearly three years before a final list of the names of these brave men could be made. They are now engraved on this Monument—42 of them. The Bank staff did its full share of duty in the war. Of those of the old staff who joined the Army every fourth man was killed. There are now, or have been, serving with us, apart from those commemorated here, 217 men who fought on the various fronts.

Many of them had opportunities of specially distinguishing themselves and were duly rewarded, and most of them will bear the marks of their service till their dying day. I think all of us who were not privileged to serve in the fighting forces for reasons of age or otherwise, must still feel somewhat envious of those who are commemorated here and of their gallant comrades who were fortunate enough to survive. It is well that we who mourn their loss should dedicate this Monument to the men who fell in the cause for which we fought the war, so that the memory of their sacrifice shall be preserved for all time as an example and as an encouragement to the present generation and its successors, and it is especially appropriate that it should be placed on this spot near the headquarters of the Bank of which they were all such loyal servants. I ask Your Excellency to unveil the Monument.

His Excellency The Governor, before performing the unveiling ceremony, said:—I esteem it an honour to be asked to unveil this monument to the brave members of the Bank staff who fell during the war. The record which you have recounted to us is a fine one, reflecting credit not only on the individual officers and men concerned, but also on their employers who made the sacrifices required to enable so many of their staff to serve in the war. I know from what you have told me how eager all your young men here were to go to the front, and the difficulty you had in sparing them. The figures you have given us are a fine record for any institution, and I congratulate the Bank on the fine spirit shown by its employees. If we are called upon to perform similar service in the future, I am sure we may rely upon their successors in the Bank's service to play an equally glorious part.

## COMMERCIAL.

## NAM PAK HONG QUOTATIONS

This morning's Nam Pak Hong quotations for the principal staples dealt in were as follows:—

## SUGAR.

No. 24 Rough White.....\$13.85/95  
Fine ..... 14.00  
No. 18 Rough Brown..... 13.46  
Java Brown ..... 11.95

## RICE.

No. 1 Siam Long White... \$7.25  
" Saigon " ..... 6.30

## FLOUR.

" Dayton " .....\$2.88  
" C & C " ..... 2.88  
" White Rose " ..... 2.86  
" White Greens " ..... 2.80  
" Sperry's X X X " ..... 3.58  
" Big Gun " ..... 3.25

[Prices of sugar and rice are per cwt. of 133 1/3 lbs.; sugar basis net weights and rice gross weights for net. Flour is quoted per quarter sack weighing 50 lbs. All prices are subject to usual trade discounts and additions and are for spot goods, delivery in one month, cash on delivery.]

## DAIRY FARM NEWS.

Just landed, a fresh consignment of

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NO RIND

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80 cents per lb.

## AUSTRALIAN ITEMS.

BUILDING COMMERCIAL  
AEROPLANES.

The Australian Aircraft and Engineering Company has completed a new commercial aeroplane built to the order of the Aviation department of the Commonwealth Government. The aeroplane was designed by Mr. H. E. Broadsmith, and Australian timber was mainly used in manufacture. The machine was given a practical flying test by Mr. Nigel B. Love on February 8, and answered all the tests in a satisfactory manner. It will seat six passengers comfortably, and accommodate 100 lb. of mails and ordinary hand luggage for passengers. The highest speed will be about 115 miles an hour, and the cruising range will be from 350 to 400 miles, averaging 90 miles an hour. The aeroplane is fitted with a 400 h.p. engine.

## MELBOURNE'S VIRILE MANHOOD.

In an address in Melbourne, Mr. J. P. Derrington, who has been connected with the Birmingham Y.M.C.A. for the last fifty years, quoted Darwin's prophecy, written many years ago, that "Australia would reign as Empress of the Southern Seas." Mr. Derrington spoke of opportunities allied to responsibilities which faced the young manhood of Australia. He was just completing a world tour of the British Dominions, and in no place had he met a more virile type of manhood than in Melbourne.

## FRUIT EXPORT TRADE.

At the first meeting of the Victorian State Advisory Fruit Board, on February 2, it was decided that, as far as it was practicable, the system desired by the British importers, of numbering fruitcases according to the registered number of the importing firm, should be adopted in place of the trade name system.

The conference discussed the care of cargo and the maintenance of proper temperatures during the conveyance of fruit overseas. It was decided to ask the Commonwealth Government to install on its steamers thermographs and long distance thermometers. It was also decided that the attention of the new Minister for Customs should be directed to the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Federal Council, that a conference of shippers to the East should be convened immediately to discuss the question of arranging for ships to call at ports recommended by the Eastern trade commissioners.

## CHINA COAST.

LATEST SHIPPING  
CHANGES.

Mr. V. Dobrolinoff, second officer, "Shuntien," is on reserve.  
Mr. D. R. McAlpine has been appointed second officer, "Shuntien."  
Mr. A. J. White, second officer, "Fengtien," is on reserve.  
Mr. W. A. McDonald, sup'y second officer, "Fengtien," has gone second officer, same ship.

Captain C. Harris Walker, from leave, has gone master, "Huichow."  
Mr. R. Kettlewell, acting master, "Huichow," has gone chief officer, same ship.

Captain D. R. Davis, of the "Kaigan," is on leave.  
Captain G. H. Fennelather of the "Kaying," has gone master, same ship.

Mr. A. E. Fennings has been appointed third engineer, "Chungking."  
Mr. W. Mackay, third engineer, "Chungking," is on reserve.

Mr. D. Kerr, chief engineer, "Shantung," has gone chief engineer, "Shengkang."

Mr. D. McRae, from reserve, has gone chief engineer, "Shantung."  
Mr. I. A. McKechnie, chief engineer, "Shengkang," is on leave.

Mr. A. R. D. S. Smith, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Kungwo."

Mr. J. Turbyne, chief officer, "Chaksang," is on reserve.

Mr. V. Petherick, from reserve, has gone chief officer, "Chaksang."  
Mr. J. Pitternigh, acting second officer, "Yuensang," has gone third officer, same ship.

Mr. L. H. Hutchings, from reserve, has gone second officer, "Yuensang."

Mr. C. Ross, from leave, has gone second engineer, "Taksang."  
Mr. W. Tweedie, second engineer, "Taksang," has gone third engineer, "Waishing."

Mr. C. C. Compton, third engineer, "Waishing," is on reserve.  
Shipping and Engineering.

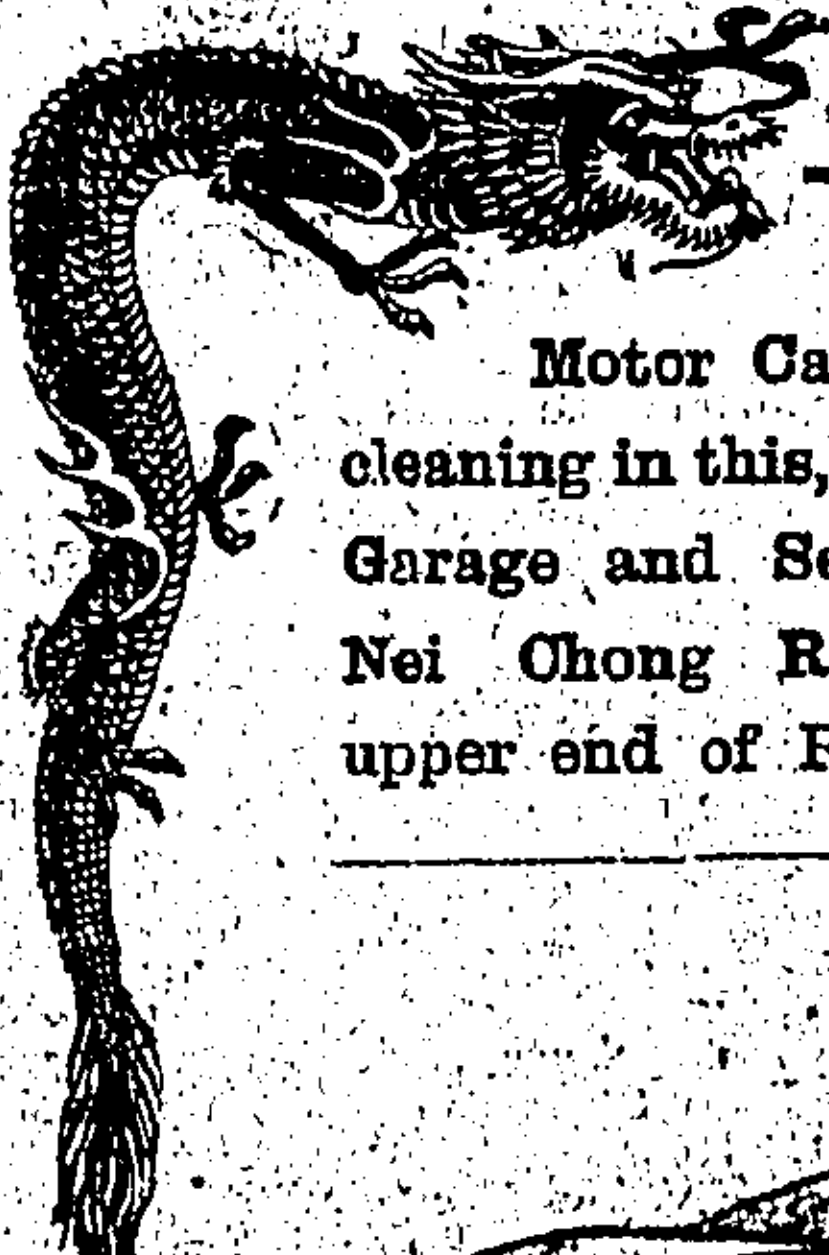
## HURT OUT AND OUT!

She felt, with the subtle instinct of a lover, that her remark had hurt the one who was dearer to her than all the world, beside, and she expressed her sorrow.

"No, my dear," he replied, "I am only hurt because I know it hurts you to feel that you have hurt me."

"And I am hurt by the knowledge that it hurts you to feel that I have hurt myself by hurting you."

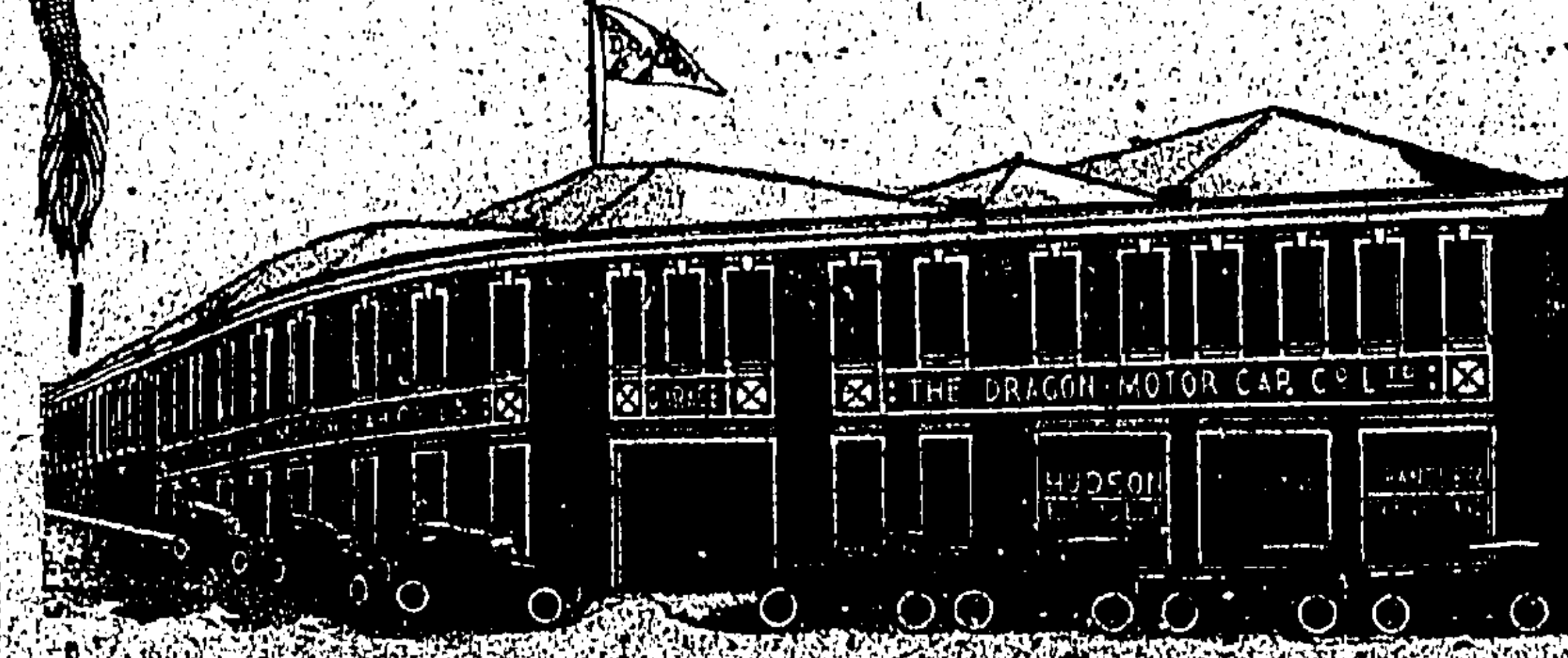
"No, my love," he corrected, "my hurt is because you are hurt by feeling that I am hurt because you imagine that you have hurt me, and are, therefore, hurt yourself."



Motor Car Storing, washing and cleaning in this, our new concrete Main Garage and Service Station, Wong Nei Chong Road (Happy Valley), upper end of Race Course.

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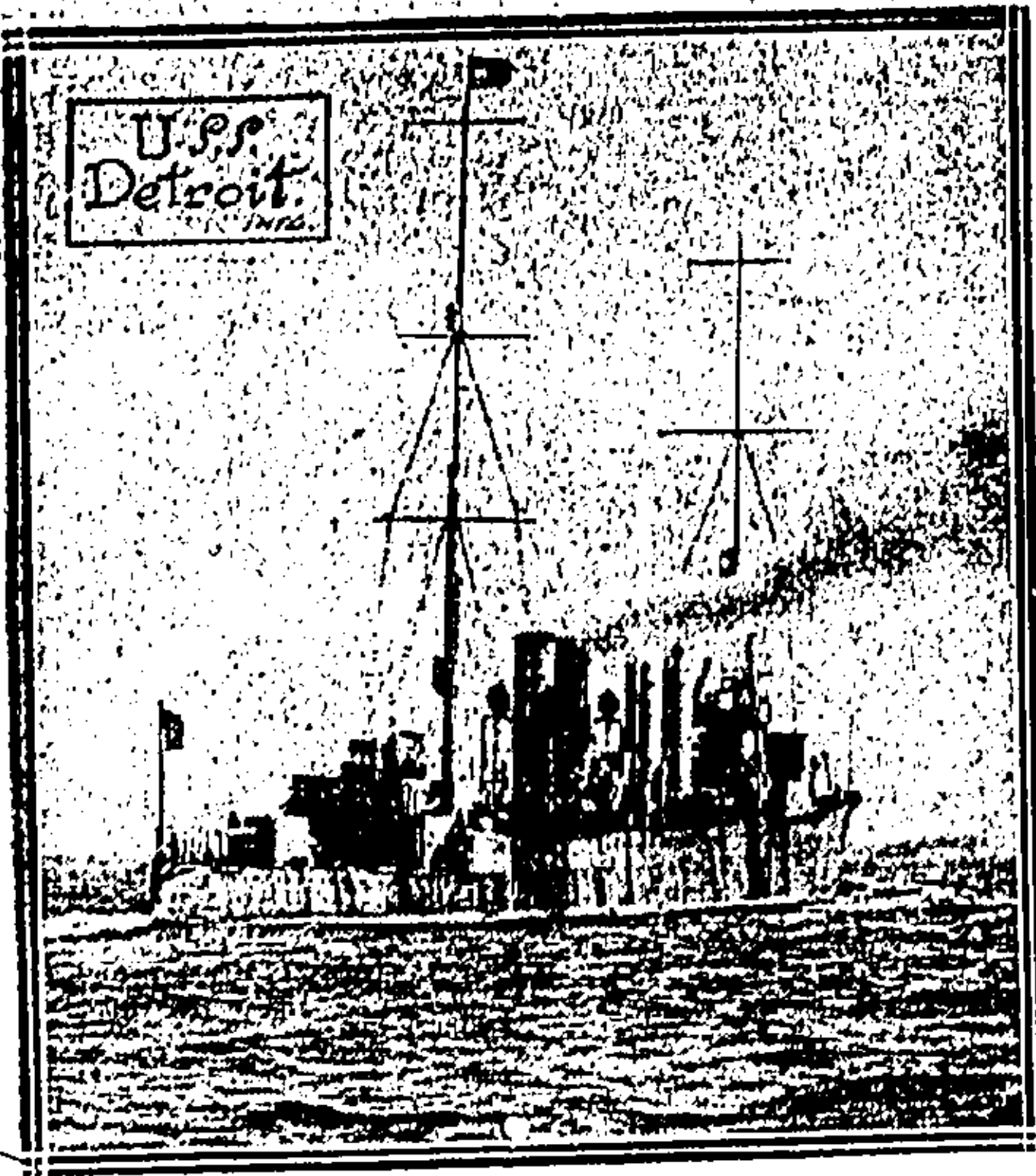
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The U. S. S. is shown on her trial spin. This scout cruiser, which will log 35 knots, is one of ten nearing completion. It is 552 feet long and has 90,000 rated horsepower, but is capable of raising 105,000. It has quadruple propellers and metal rigging, entirely insulated from the deck, to facilitate radio communication.



Mlle. Tamara Swirskaya is the new dancing idol of Paris.



Dr. Baron Frederic Koranyi Tolcsa, Hungary's new Minister to France, is shown here in full uniform just after having presented his credentials to President Millerand, at the Elysee Palace, in Paris.



From a factory girl to grand opera faue is the career of Elisabeth Wakefield, an English girl who has scored a triumph with the Carl Rosa Opera Company. Miss Wakefield was once employed in a clothing factory. Her recent London appearance, in "Samson et Delila," was called a finished performance.



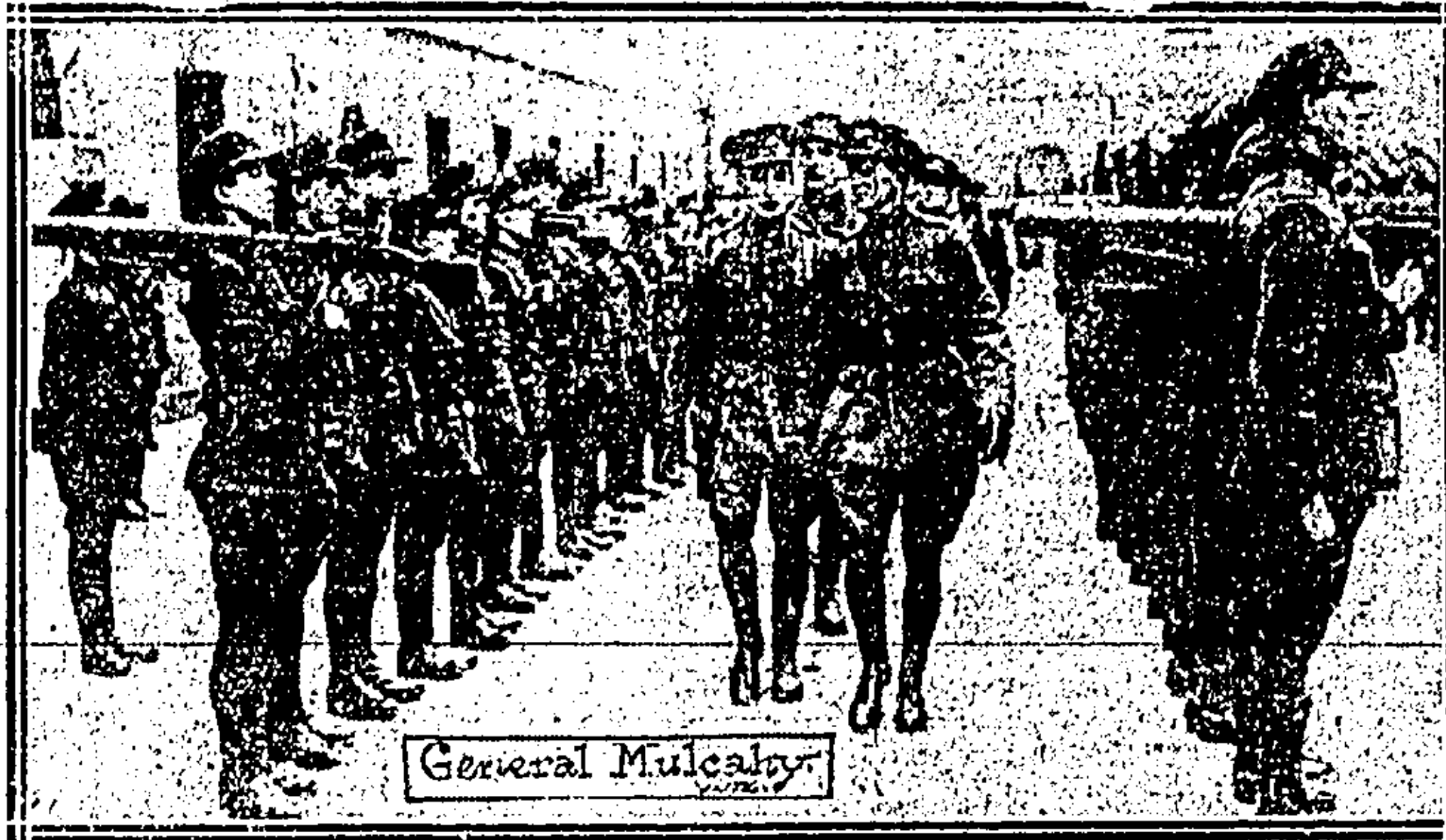
Here is a landlord who instead of barring families with children, not only welcomes them but announces he will rent to no other.



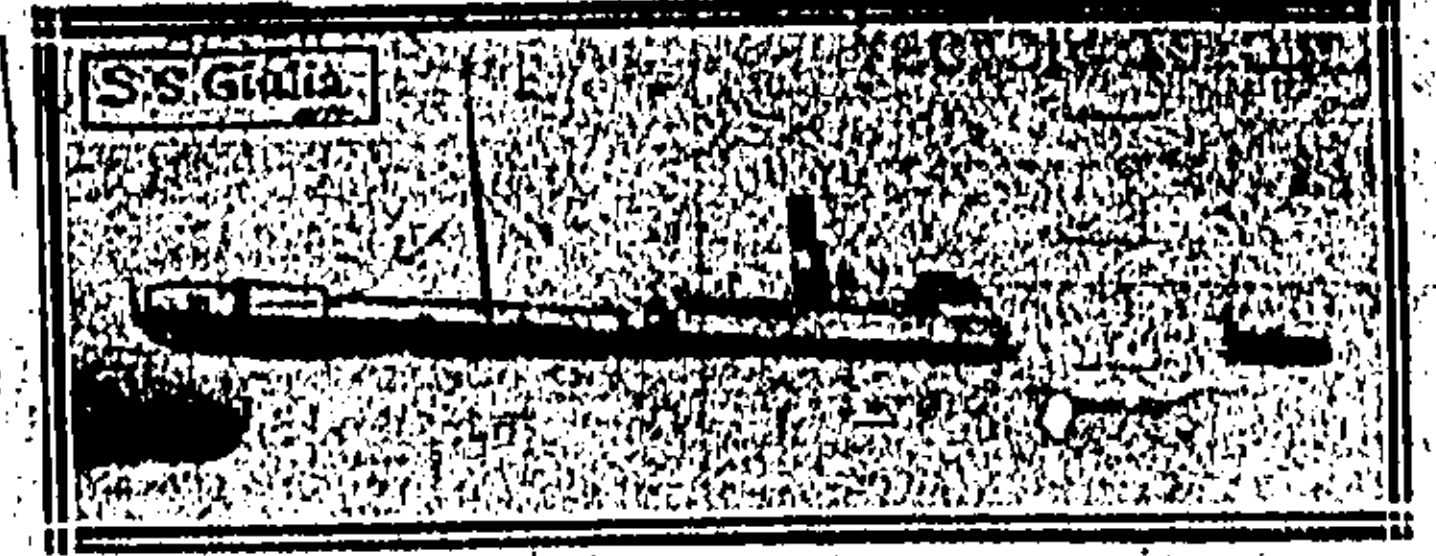
Miss Jane MacBean Ross, a Scotswoman, has been named Professor of Physical Science in Queen Mary's College for Women, the first woman to hold this post.



George Williams, a negro pilot in Florida waters for the last 35 years, acted as pilot of the houseboat "Pioneer," on which President and Mrs. Harding toured Florida's inland waters.



The flags of the Irish Free State troops were blessed this St. Patrick's Day in Dublin. General Mulcahy, commander of the Free State Army, is shown, with members of his staff, inspecting the troops before the ecclesiastical ceremonies.



Striking photograph of the sinking of the S. S. "Giulia," an Italian ship, which was disabled in the Atlantic 800 miles from shore. The steamer "Westlake" took off her crew, after which the Coast Guard cutter "Seneca" sank her by gunfire to prevent her becoming a menace to navigation.



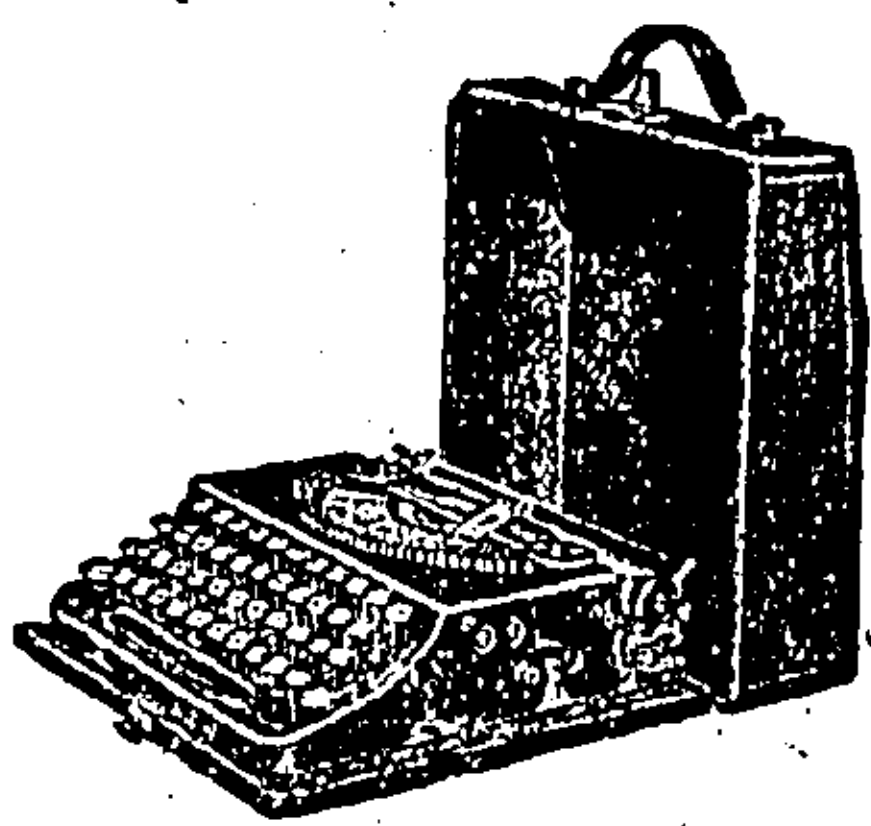
August Habenhit an engraver, has just completed an engraving of the head of President Harding on the head of the common pin. Habenhit, inventor of an engraving machine, asserts it took him but two hours to complete the engraving.



Republican opponents of Earl B. Mayfield, alleged Ku Klux Klansman, elected to the United States Senate from Texas, assert they have enough votes to unseat him when congress reconvenes in December. Mayfield's opponents assert that he secured more than 200,000 illegal votes.



Professor Paul Packer has been made Professor of International Education and Associate Director of the International Institute of Teachers' College, Columbia University, New York City.



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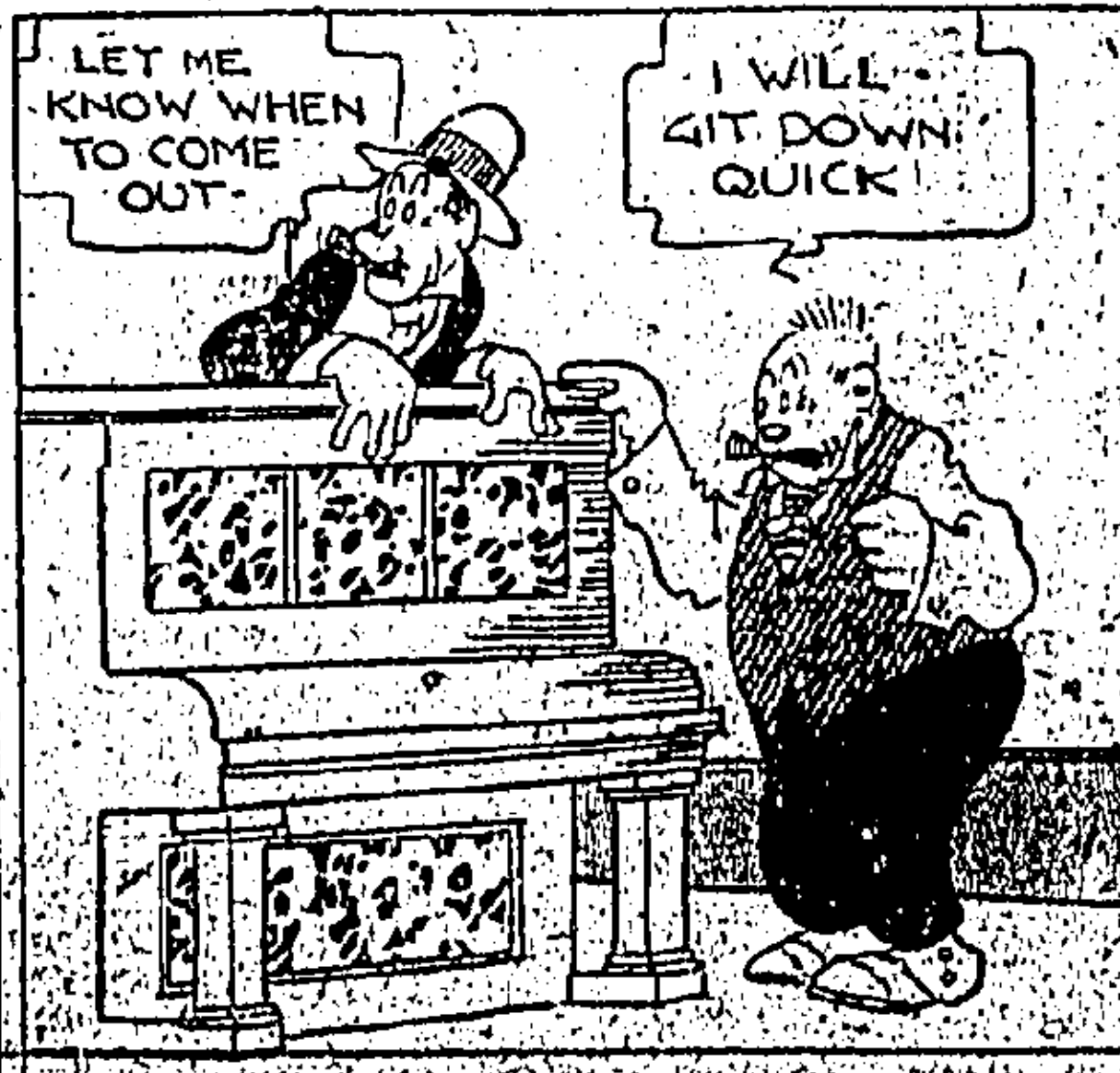
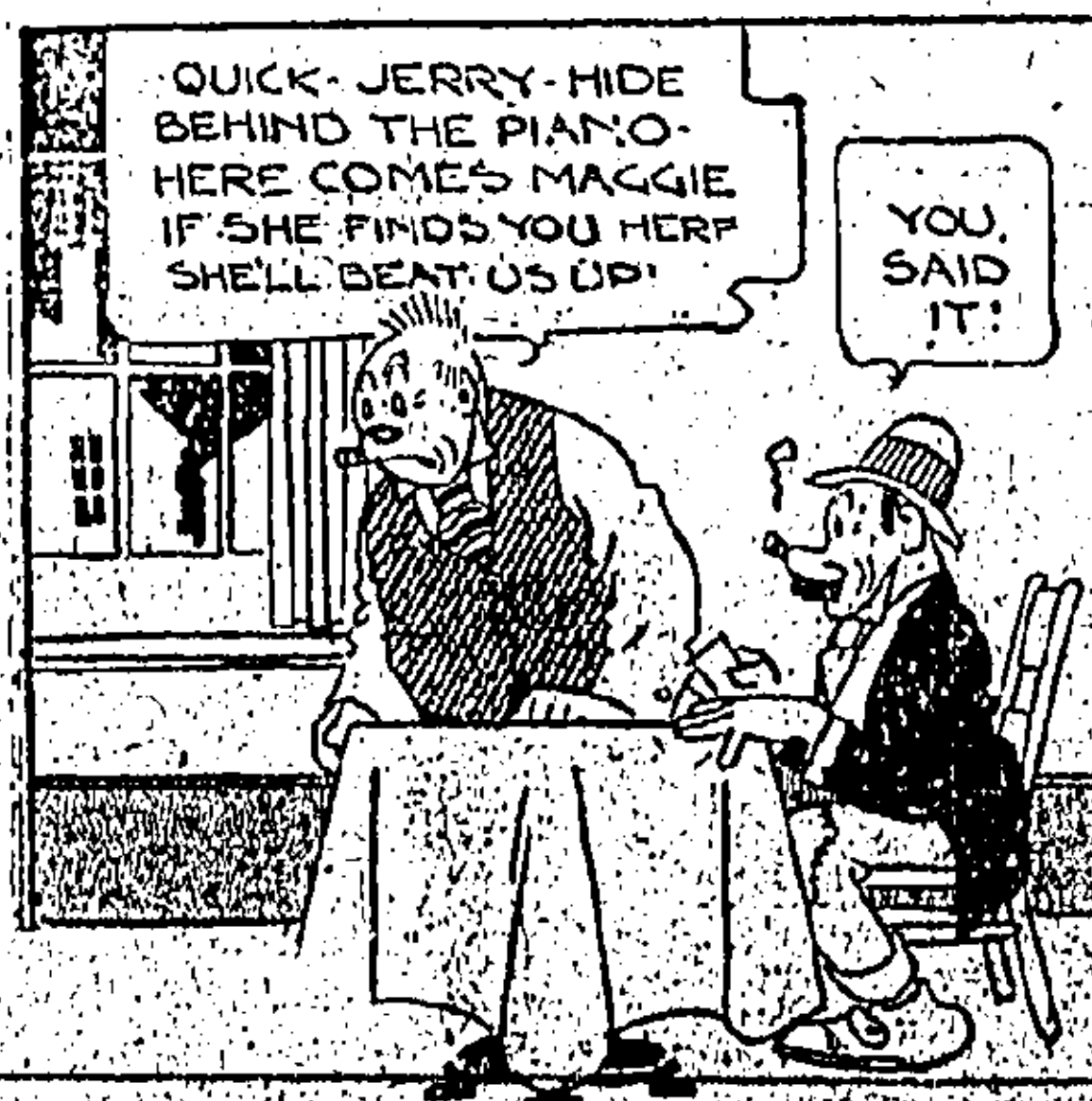
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facturers of Leather Suitcases, Hand  
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24, Q. Rd. 19, Queen's Rd. Cen.

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Mac O'Brien, Photographer,  
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Chung Fook, 78 Connaught Rd. Ctl.  
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EMPIRE EXHIBITION.

LOCAL CHINESE SCHEME.

The Hongkong Chinese partici-  
pating in the British Empire  
Trade Exhibition in 1924 will only  
require twenty houses for exhibits  
instead of forty as first suggested.  
A telegram has been sent to London  
asking for reservations.

A number of shipping companies  
have offered to accept trade exhibits  
and passengers for the Exhibition  
at half the usual rates. The Govern-  
ment has been requested to bear  
the expense of the other half to  
encourage participation. It has  
also been suggested that the  
customs authorities at Canton be  
requested to exempt from taxation,  
goods sent to the Exhibition except  
those for sale.

Orders for teakwood, embroidery  
and other produce which the  
Chinese are skilled in preparing  
will not be given till the Govern-  
ment's reply has been received.  
Shipment will be made not later  
than December.

THE MUFFIN MAN.

When the little, old, brown teapot  
has been set upon the hob,  
And the steaming fork beside the  
fire is ready for a job,  
When the clock that once was  
grandfather's points out the time  
as well,  
I shut my brook and listen for the  
muffin man's bell—  
And when they hear it tinkle,  
"Tinkle, tinkle, tinkle,  
The cat and kettle both begin a  
cozy, little song,  
And I can almost fancy, some day,  
Just like Peter Pan,  
Come flying through the window  
I shall see the muffin man.  
I used to think, when grown-up,  
I would like to be his bride.  
And live on muffin all my life—  
how I cried and cried  
When told it could not be; for he  
already, it appears,  
Has a missal and quite half a dozen  
little muffineers.  
Ada, Leonard, Harris in the  
Windsor Magazine.

## WEATHER REPORT.

May 25d. 1st. 10m.—Pressure has  
decreased considerably at Shanghai,  
and decreased moderately from  
Widdowstock to central and N.E.  
Japan. It has increased slightly at  
other reporting stations.

The Chinese depression is now  
shown as a V-shape of depression over  
the Sea of Japan.

A depression remains over S.W.  
China.

Gradients are still shallow over the  
China Sea and the Philippines.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours  
ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.05 inch.  
Total since January 1st, 10.79 inches.  
Against an average of 7.43 inches.

Forecast for the 24 hours ending at  
noon on May 26, 1923.

1.—Formosa Channel, S. to S.E.  
winds, moderate; fair at first, some rain  
later.

2.—South coast of China between  
Hongkong and Lantau, S. to S.E.  
winds, moderate; fair at first, some rain  
later.

3.—Honkong & Far East, S. to S.E.  
winds, moderate; fair at first, some rain  
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ROYAL OBSERVATORY,  
HONGKONG.

## DAILY WEATHER REPORT

MAY 25, 1923.—a.m.

Station.	Hour.	Barometer at Sea Level.	Temperature.	Humidity.	Direction of Wind.	Force.
Victoria Peak	6	29.40	45	NNE	1	0
Central	6	29.40	45	NNE	1	0
Victoria Peak	7	29.40	45	NNE	1	0
Central	7	29.40	45	NNE	1	0
Victoria Peak	8	29.40	45	NNE	1	0
Central	8	29.40	45	NNE	1	0
Victoria Peak	9	29.40	45	NNE	1	0
Central	9	29.40	45	NNE	1	0
Victoria Peak	10	29.40	45	NNE	1	0
Central	10	29.40	45	NNE	1	0
Victoria Peak	11	29.40	45	NNE	1	0
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C. W. JEFFREY, Director

Hongkong Observatory, May 25, 1923.

1. BAROMETER reduced to 31 degrees  
Fahrenheit on the level of the sea &  
inches tenths and hundredths.
2. TEMPERATURE, in the shade in de-  
gree Fahrenheit.
3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation  
(on the humidity of air saturated to  
moisture being 100).
4. DIRECTION OF WIND, to two points  
of the compass.
5. FORCE OF WIND, according to  
Beaufort Scale.
6. STATE OF WEATHER, to blue sky,  
detached cloud, drizzling rain, fog,  
gloom, hail, lightning, or overcast  
passing showers, squalls, rain, snow  
falling, or visibility, in dew, wet,  
etc.
7. RAIN, in inches tenths and hun-  
dredths.

HONGKONG REGISTER.

Previous at 7 p.m.	On date at 9 a.m.	On date at 1 p.m.
Barometer	29.75	29.78
Temperature	87	89
Humidity	67	65
Direction of Wind	sw	sw
Force	2	1
Weather	c	c
Rain	0.00	0.00

T. F. CLAXTON, Director

Hongkong Observatory, May 25, 1923.

HONGKONG TIME SIGNALS.

The Time Ball on Howlong Signal Hill  
is dropped daily at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.  
except on holidays when it is dropped  
at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. and on Sundays  
and holidays when it is dropped at  
1 p.m.

The Ball is hoisted half past 11  
on the 1st of each month, and on the 1st  
of the current time it will be lowered at  
11 minutes past the hour and the ordinary  
routine repeated at the following hour.

Should the Time Ball be out of order  
the above routine will be carried on  
with the flag "Z" on the Howlong Signal  
mast.

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by means of three white lamps mounted  
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TUESDAY, MAY 29.

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To FRIDAY, MAY 25. From

Manila, Sandakan, AUSTRALIA and New  
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SUNDAY, MAY 27.

Swatow, Amoy and Keelung ..... Kaijo Maru

MONDAY, MAY 28.

Saigon, Ceylon, Mauritius, India,  
via Dumbarton, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE  
via MARSEILLES—due Marseilles  
29th June. Registration 12.41 p.m.  
Letters 1.30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 29.

Straits and Bombay ..... Alipore

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30.

Straits, Ceylon, Mauritius, India, Mer-  
quies, South Africa, India  
via Dumbarton, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE  
via MARSEILLES—due Marseilles  
3rd July. Parcel 2.15 p.m. Re-  
gistration 9 a.m. Letters 9 a.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 1.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 2.

Shanghai, Japan, Canada, United States,  
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